GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants –School Education Department - Allegation of corruption against Smt Dalai Krishna Kumari, Headmistress, Zilla Parishad Girls High School, Chodavaram, Visakhapatnam District –Trapped on 13.03.2020 - Sanction of Prosecution - Orders – issued.

SCHOOL EDUCATION (Vig) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.43 **Date:15.05.2023**

ORDER:

Whereas, Smt Dalai Krishna Kumari, W/o Loknadh Besai, Headmistress, Zilla Parishad Girls High School, Chodavaram, Visakhapatnam District from 04.04.2017to 13.03.2020 by virtue of the post held by her, she fall under the category of Public Servant as defined under section 2 (c) of Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018 (as amended by Act, 16 of 2018).

2. And whereas, Smt Abothu Satyavathi @ Manga, W/o Srinu is a resident of Kotaveedhi, Chodavaram, Visakhapatnam District. She has been working as Midday Meal worker in ZP Girls High School, Chodavarm from 2008. Along with her, one Smt. Gunuru Varalakshmi, Smt. Rongali Butchirajamma, Smt Badhireddy Lakshmi and Smt. Nakkella Demullamma are working as Midday Meals workers. Smt. Abothu Satyavathi @ Manga along with Smt. Demullamma and Smt Badhireddy Lakshmi are cooking Midday Meals for 9th and 10th class students. Similarly, Smt. Varalaskhmi and Smt Butchirajamma are cooking Midday Meals for 6th to 8th class students alternatively one person per month. As such, she gets her turn for cooking once every three months. They spend their own money for provisions, cooking gas etc., prepare the food and provide meals to students. For which, the Headmaster will process the claim bills and credit the money for Midday Meal workers in the joint bank account of Smt. Varalakshmi and Smt. B. Lakshmi and they withdraw the money from bank and they will give money to them. Smt. Krishna Kumari is working as Headmistress in Z.P Girls High School, Chodavaram. The said Smt. Krishna Kumari, Headmistress has been demanding bribe of Rs.5,000/- from few days whenever Midday Meal bills amount was credited into their bank accounts. But, Smt. Abothu Satyavathi @ Manga avoided her on one pretext or the other. But, Smt. Krishna Kumari has been frequently harassing Smt. Satyavathi by demanding bribe since the bill amount of Rs.29,118/- for the month of January pertaining to Smt. Abothu Satyavathi was credited into the bank account in the month of February. But, Smt. D.Krishna Kumari. Head Mistress has been demanding bribe of Rs.5,000/- on the pretext to pay the electricity bill. Even though Smt. Abothu Satyavathi expressed her inability to give the bribe amount, Smt. D.Krishna Kumari has been harassing and insisting her to pay the bribe of Rs 5,000/- on the pretext of electricity bill and is threatening that if she does not pay, her name would be removed from the Midday Meal. When Smt. Satyavathi is not seen around, Smt. Krishna Kumari is informing her through others to call her over phone. Accordingly on 09.03.2020 at around 7.00 pm, when Smt. Abothu Satyavathi contacted to Smt. D.Krishna Kumari over phone, which belongs to her colleague mid meal worker Gunuru Varalakshmi's son, the said Krishna Kumari shouted at her saying that the Midday Meals bills amount

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was already credited to the bank and Smt. Abothu Satyavathi did not pay bribe amount of Rs.5,000/-. Smt. Abothu Satyavathi recorded the said conversation in the phone of Smt. Gunuru Varalakshmi. Smt. Abothu Satyavathi came to know that, Smt. Krishna Kumari is demanding bribe not only from her, but also from other Midday Meals workers i.e., Smt. Gunuru Varalakshmi and others on the pretext of electricity bill. Again on 12.03.2020, when Smt. Abothu Satyavathi came to CITU office, Visakhapatnam on her work, her son Hemanth, called her from his phone number 6301995441 and informed that the Headmaster Smt. Krishna Kumari asked her to call her over phone. Accordingly, Smt. Abothu Satyavathi contacted Smt. Krishna Kumari over phone from the phone No. 9704563406, which belongs to Smt. Satyavathi's known person by name Sri Chiranjeevi to the phone No. 9393104093 belongs to Smt. Krishna Kumari in the evening on 12.03.2020. Then, Smt. D.Krishna Kumari demanded bribe and threatened Smt. Satyavathi that she would look into her matter when Smt. Satyavathi goes there for cooking and she threatened her to pay bribe on the pretext of electricity bill. When the complainant said that she has only Rs 4,000/- on that, Smt. Krishna Kumari demanded her to bring Rs 4,500/- to the school on 13.03.2020, Further, Smt. Krishna Kumari threatened Smt. A.Satyavathi that she will look into her matter. Smt. A.Satyavathi recorded the conversation in the memory card through phone. Though Smt. Abothu Satyavathi is not willing to give bribe of Rs.4,500/- to Smt. D.Krishna Kumari, but under the compulsive situations, she agreed. But she did not like to give bribe. Smt. Abothu Satyavathi submitted a telugu typed report to the DSP, ACB, Visakhapatnam with a request to take appropriate action against Smt. Krishna Kumari, Headmistress, Z.P High School, Chodavaram for demanding bribe amount and handed over a memory card along with the report in which the conversation held between herself and the Headmistress, Smt. Krishna Kumari, which was recorded on 12.03.2020 evening.

3. And whereas, after due verification of the genuineness of the report of Smt. Abothu Satyavathi @ Manga and antecedents of Smt Dalai Krishna Kumari, Headmistress, Zilla Parishad Girls High School, Chodavaram, the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Visakhapatnam Range registered the report as a case in Cr.No.06/RCT- VSP/2020 U/s 7 (b) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (as Amended in 2018) of ACB, Visakhapatnam Range, Visakhapatnam on 13.03.2020 at 07:00 hrs and took up investigation.

4. And whereas during the course of trap on 13.03.2020 at about 11:45 hours, Smt Dalai Krishna Kumari, Headmistress, Z.P.Girls High School, Chodavaram was trapped when she further demanded and accepted the bribe of Rs.4,500/- with her right hand, counted the same with both hands, and kept the same in the side pocket of her handbag. The DSP, ACB Visakhapatnam recovered the tainted amount of Rs.4,500/- from the side pocket of handbag of Smt Dalai Krishna Kumari. When compared the serial numbers of the currency notes with serial numbers of currency notes mentioned in the pre trap proceedings, found them tallied. The right and left-hand fingers and the side pocket of the handbag of Smt Krishna Kumari, yielded positive results, when subjected to a chemical test. The tainted amount of Rs.4,500/-, resultant solutions, "LUDISI" company made leather handbag of biscuit colour with black colour stripes of Smt Krishna Kumari, connected records and material objects pertaining to this case were seized

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by the DSP, ACB, Visakhapatnam in the presence of mediators under cover of Mediators Report-II. The seized made up file pertaining to Midday Meals for the month of January-2020 of Smt Abothu Satyavathi @ Manga and Electricity bill dated 09.03.2020 for the month of February 2020 shows that Smt Dalai Krishna Kumari, Headmistress processed the same to MEO and demanded bribe.

5. And whereas, the above said acts of Smt. Dalai Krishna Kumari, W/o Loknadh Besai, Headmistress, Zilla Parishad Girls High School, Chodavaram, Visakhapatnam District constitute offences punishable U/s 7 (b) of the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018.

6. And whereas, the Government of Andhra Pradesh being the competent authority to remove Dalai Krishna Kumari, Headmistress, Zilla Parishad Girls High School, Chodavaram, Visakhapatnam District (Now Anakapalli District) from the service and after fully and carefully examining the material i.e., Copies of FIR, Pre-trap & Post-trap proceedings, Statement of Witnesses, relevant records and final investigation report of the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau etc., placed before the Government in respect of the above case and having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, consider that Smt Dalai Krishna Kumari, Headmistress, Zilla Parishad Girls High School, Chodavaram, Visakhapatnam District (Now Anakapalli District) should be prosecuted in a Court of Law for the aforesaid offences.

7. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018, the Government of Andhra Pradesh, School Education Department hereby accord sanction for the prosecution of Smt. Dalai Krishna Kumari, Headmistress, Zilla Parishad Girls High School, Chodavaram, Visakhapatnam District (Now Anakapalli District) for the above said offences punishable under section 7 (b) of Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018, for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of law for the time being in force in respect of the aforesaid act and for taking cognizance of the said offences by a Court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

(PRAVEEN PRAKASH)
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